



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: CROSS-STRAIGHT GROOVE JOINT

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114(c)**

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Dear Sir:

The Final Office Action dated 01/06/2006 has been received and carefully reviewed. In connection with the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend the application as set forth more fully below.